--- 2/15th Pound Provisional overprint for 1933 ---

--- 3 mm. Gothic TWO FIFTEENTHS POUND overprint of the 1/8th pound Series "B" ---

--- RP-852 - *imperforate - with 1/8th pound control numbers* ---

In October 1933, while awaiting the printing plates for the 2/15 pound Series "A" strip, ABN overprinted the imperforate 1/8th pound Series "B", with **TWO FIFTEENTHS POUND** in 3 mm. Gothic across the center, and a 4 mm. Gothic **2/15** as a *killer* at the ends. This was a *provisional* issue, while the definitive 2/15th pound plate was in preparation.

It seems odd that for this 2/15th pound plate, ABN reverted to Series "A", unless the die had already been prepared. The catalogue lists this American Bank Note overprint as **RP-852**. The definitive 2/15th pound Series "A" strip subsequently supplied was in use from October 1933 until supplanted by Series "C" in mid-1935.

Was this a company provisional overprint by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, or did the overprint originate with ABN? More probably it was produced by the American Bank Note Company.

RP-852 - **2/15** and **TWO FIFTEENTHS POUND** on 1/8th pound Series "B", imperforate
Coded **6-10-D / AD3** by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in October 1933

5056443 ★	10/33	**RP-852** / RP-850	**2/15** on 1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AD3**

--- 2/15th Pound - Series "A" - 155 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 155 x 15 mm. black, 2/15th pound Series "A" strips as follows:

RP-828 - 2/15th pound, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***
RP-829 - 2/15th pound, *imperforate*, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***
RP-830 - 2/15th pound, *imperforate*, LWE, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers*** - **WANTED!**

--- RP-828 - *coarse roulette* - with *4½ mm. blue control numbers* - *undated* cancellations ---

The first listed *dated* copy of **RP-829**, the *imperforate* 2/15th pound Series "A" strip, was used by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in October 1933. The *coarse roulette* strip is catalogued as **RP-828**.

RP-828 - 2/15th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **0002054**
Roller cancelled **16-10-D** by "L. O. Grothe", Montreal

0002054 ★	RP-828	2/15th pound, *coarse roulette*, rollered **16-10-D**
0031954	RP-828	2/15th pound, *coarse roulette*, with an unreadable roller
8736943	RP-828	2/15th pound, *coarse roulette*, rollered **1-10-D**

--- RP-829 - *imperforate* - with *4½ mm. blue control numbers* - *dated* cancellations ---

RP-829 - 2/15th pound, *imperforate*, control **1702511**
Coded **6-10-D / CD3** by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in December 1933

0259308 ★	10/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / AD3**
0374675	10/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / AD3**
0374677	10/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / AD3**
0615180	11/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / BD3**
1164877	12/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CD3**
1169988	12/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CD3**
1200388	12/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CD3**
1220084	12/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CD3**
1250654	12/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CD3**
1341295	12/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CD3**
1702511 ★	12/33	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CD3**
2017794	01/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / AA4**
2072006	01/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / AA4**
2631706	02/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / BA4**
2634225	02/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / BA4**
2655453	02/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / BA4**
2677111	02/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / BA4**
3365409	03/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CA4**
4169148	05/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / 54**
4852824	06/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / 64**
5181077	06/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CB4**
5360089 ★	06/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CB4**
5862039	07/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / AC4**
6241410	08/35	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **7-13-D / BFC**
7732514 ★	10/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / AED**
9090831	12/34	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **6-10-D / CED**
0955975	05/35	RP-829	2/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-23-D / BFB**

As the only listed example from "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, the final strip may be a late use remnant from the Granby vault, and may not begin a new control sequence.

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN Roll No. XG-1042 for the Series "A" 2/15 pound 155 x 15 mm. strip. In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plates No. 1 and 2 for the two-fifteenth pound Series "A" tobacco strip - the Lee Brandom **RP-828**. The rolls and plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal. These 60 impression plates were probably arranged as 2 by (2 x 15) strips - JBH

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN die XG-436 for the 155 x 15 mm. two-fifteenth pound Series "A" tobacco strip - the Lee Brandom **RP-828**.

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